Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 31 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 01 Jan 2022

Forecast Issued on Friday 31 Dec 2021 at 04:51 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for mild and very windy conditions to start New Year. Increasing confidence in a colder regime developing early next week from the north.

Headline for Friday 31 Dec 2021: Mainly dry start then some light rain.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 31 Dec 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
10%	20%	30%	40%	40%	50%

Forecast for Friday 31 Dec 2021

Weather: Mainly dry but rather cloudy morning with a few bright or clear intervals. Outbreaks of mostly light rain will then spread up from the south in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%, becoming 30% during afternoon and evening.

Visibility: Mainly good in morning then occasionally moderate or poor in rain. Some patchy low cloud above 600m and visibility perhaps a few km in rain. Areas of cloud developing above 600m and extensive above 900m during the afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	17/23 SW	14/19 SW	20/27 S	24/33 S	31/40 SW	29/39 SW	26/34 S
900	15/18 SW	12/13 SW	12/14 S	21/25 S	28/34 SW	23/28 SW	26/32 S
600	10/13 SW	4/5 N	5/6 S	7/9 E	17/22 SW	12/16 S	16/23 S
300	3/7 SW	2/6 SW	1/2 E	1/3 SW	4/13 SW	3/12 SW	4/12 S
Glen	4/12 SW	3/10 SW	2/6 SE	2/7 SE	3/15 W	2/14 S	3/14 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	2/-4	2/-3	2/-4	2/-4	2/-5	2/-5	2/-5
900	5/1	5/2	4/1	5/0	5/-1	5/-0	6/1
600	7/4	6/5	6/5	6/4	6/2	7/4	8/4
300	5/4	6/5	6/6	6/5	6/5	7/6	7/6
Glen	6/5	6/6	7/6	6/6	6/5	7/6	8/6
Freezing Level*	1300m	1700m	1700m	1800m	1900m	1700m	2000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A day of settled weather but note the deteriorating conditions during the evening with low cloud and strengthening winds.

Forecast for Saturday 01 Jan 2022
Weather: Storm force winds making progress very difficult on high slopes. A spell of heavy rain overnight and early morning then bright spells and occasional blustery showers, some heavy and possibly thundery in the west. Showers turning wintry on the Munro tops later.

Maximum wind: Southeast 30mph increasing South or Southwest 40 to 50mph with gusts 75mph by morning.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% at first, becoming 70%.

Visibility: Poor at first with areas of cloud above 500m. Becoming mainly good but poor in showers with patchy cloud down to 600m at times in the west.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6C rising to 12C.
At 800m: Plus 4 or 5C.
Freezing level: Above summits, falling to 1100m in evening.

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